

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE
METS Headquarters
625 Virginia Avenue
Joplin, Missouri
Friday November 9, 2007

| Members | Present Appointment | Guests |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Bob Patterson, Chair | Nov. 01 | Richard Cotter |
| Patty Parrish | Nov. 01 | Rusty Tinney |
| Joy Raybourn | Nov. 01 | Brian L. Boone |
| Larry Beatty | Nov. 01 | Jack Bates |
| Michael Krtek | Nov. 01 | Brian Kelly |
| Don Looper | Nov. 01 | Steve Monroe |
| Mark Alexander | Nov. 01 | D. J. Satterfield |
| | | Russ Pryor |
| | | Jim Morgan |
| | | Bob Minter |
| | | Chip Balk |
| | | Sharell Questelle |
| | | Candace Adams |
| Members Absent | | |
| Jim Pyron | Nov. 01 | |
| Kevin Tweedy | Nov. 01 | |
| L.E. Mire | Nov. 01 | |
| Jim McGee | Jan. 06 | |
| Donald Tribby | Jan. 06 | |
| Susan Crum | Nov. 01 | |

Call to Order

Robert Patterson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10.

Chip Balk, Physiocontrol Sales Representative, shared a brief update regarding Physiocontrol products. Handouts highlighting some of these were available. The committee expressed thanks to Physiocontrol for the information and for providing a meal for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 21, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved without additions or corrections.

Continuing Education Opportunity

All in attendance were given a guided tour of the Disaster Communications Trailer.

Old business:

Mutual Aid

Bob Patterson provided a draft of a Southwest EMS Region Mutual Aid Agreement. Copies were available for all attendees. Members of EMS services were encouraged to share these with the service director who would need to sign. The purpose of the agreement was to aid reimbursement for mutual aid situations.

Open Committee Positions

There were currently two unfilled positions on the Southwest Regional EMS Committee. Curriculum vitae of individuals interested in filling these positions had been submitted to the state who, would forward them to the DHSS for review and appointment.

It was noted two current members had been absent from multiple recent meetings. Information regarding their intent to remain on, or resign from, the committee should be emailed to Bob Patterson at rpatterson@sprg.mercy.net

Regional Medical Director

Nominations for Regional Medical Director had been forwarded to the state. It was anticipated ballots would be going to all Medical Directors soon.

Radio Report Format

This issue will be addressed at a future meeting.

New business:

Region D Update

In the absence of David Hoover, Candy Adams provided the following report:

- Justification for 2007 funding received by RSOC had been decreased from the previous year by 50%
- The Mass Care and Volunteers subcommittees have been merged and two new subcommittees have been formed, i.e. Medical Surge and 9-1-1
- Surge caches would be distributed soon
- Subcommittees would meet prior to 11/28 to discuss priorities for the coming year
- Interoperability subcommittee of RSOC would buy vans to provide wireless communications systems. These vans would be communications only; they would not serve as command posts. It was anticipated one would be in Jasper County under the supervision of the Jasper County Sheriff's Department; the other in Greene County under the authority of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management
- Hospital and EMS representatives were needed on the Medical Surge Committee

Area Updates

Barton County Hospital opened a new facility on 11/04/07. The Emergency Department would close at midnight on 12/03 in the current facility. It was anticipated access to the new hospital located on Highway 71 at the northeast corner of Lamar might prove challenging. When they became available, Larry Beatty agreed to provide diagrams for ease of access.

Legislative Update

Mark Alexander provided the following State Advisory Council report:

- Meetings were currently underway seeking increases in Medicaid funding for both ground and air ambulance services
- The regulations for stretcher vans had been accepted and would go to the Board of Health in December for approval
- On 12/11/07 an open meeting to discuss specialty resource centers ie Trauma Centers, Stroke Centers, MI Centers, would be held in the Missouri State Health Lab Building in Jefferson City
- Facility feedback to EMS regarding critically ill/injured patients transported would be discussed at the SAC meeting Tuesday November 27, 2007 at the Truman Building in Jefferson City
- There existed potential for development of Level IV Trauma Centers in Missouri
- A proposal had been made to locate the EMS Memorial in Kansas City

Brian Boone reported from the Flight Subcommittee:

- Flight programs in Missouri were in the process of putting together a statewide aeromedical association

Issues from the Floor:

Upcoming Conference

Children's Mercy Hospital would be hosting their annual *Kids n Kopters* Conference June 4-7, 2008.

Resource Centers

Per Mark Alexander, Debbie West had attended a meeting encouraging resource centers for sexual assault victims. More information should be forthcoming at a later date.

Letter from Dissatisfied Consumer

Members of the committee who had received a packet of information requesting investigation of a particular incident were advised the committee was not an investigating committee. Bob Patterson noted the information had been forwarded to the appropriate authorities at the state level, and the complainant had been so advised in a letter from Bob.

Scheduling of next meeting:

The next meeting of the Southwest Regional EMS Committee was scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2008 at 12:00 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin.

It was anticipated the March 2008 meeting would be held in West Plains.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 14:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Raybourn MSN APRN,BC CEN